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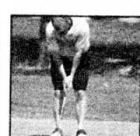
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Grads need financial awareness

■ Tips to ensure graduates manage their debt

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WSU seniors will more than likely face some financial issues after graduation, however there are tips that can aid students taking their first steps into the real world.

Gerri Willis, a personal finance editor for CNN Business News and MSN/Money's Liz Weston have put together a list of tips for college graduates. "Manage your debt," said Willis. Grab the tax deduction, deducting the interest payments on your loan, and consider automatic payments for your loans as well, said Beth Koblinger, author of "Get a Financial Life."

William Wood, instructor and financial services program coordinator said grads should overcome the temptation to spend. "Most often, new grads don't have a financial plan and make impulse purchases," said Wood.

"I don't plan on spending any

money I don't have," said Cliff Bullmaster, senior electrical engineering major.

Another tip Willis said students should remember is to pay bills online. "This will become important as your energies get focused on your career and starting a new life after school," Willis said.

"I don't pay any bills online right now, but in the future I may choose to do so," said Amanda Foster, senior organizational communication major.

Upcoming graduates need to also try to cut entertainment costs. "Cheap eats, cheap dates and cheap style," said Weston. Think of creative ways to have fun and dress smartly without breaking the bank.

Finally, Willis also said that graduates should take advantage of retirement plans at their new jobs. "Have an informed knowledge base to ask questions," said Wood. With a private financial practice outside of WSU, Wood has worked with a couple two years out of college who had a mortgage and ended up saving money simply by being informed.



William Wood discusses the policies of the Wright Financial Path program with a student.

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Academic dishonesty prevented on WSU campus

■ Software and professors easily detect plagiarism

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Cheating by students occurs at college campuses nationwide, however, plagiarism at WSU is readily identified through a software program called Turnitin (pronounced as Turn it in) and a professor's discerning eye.

"It's not very difficult to detect.

It's pretty obvious," said Maggie MacDonald, associate professor in English and linguistics director of TESOL programs. She said she uses Internet search engine Google to back up her suspicions, especially when a student's writing style is not nearly as sophisticated. "If it's not a person who could carry off such language, then there's a red flag," said MacDonald.

Turnitin has become a useful tool for teachers dealing with plagiarism. According to Turnitin, the software is able to distinguish work from various databases including online paper mills, academic sites and news sites. "Turnitin can make a difference. If work gets flagged, then I use it as a learning

tool for students rather than something that punishes the student," said Richard Bullock, English professor and director of writing programs. "In freshman courses, it's a reasonable assumption that a student commits plagiarism without knowing."

Sometimes, Turnitin misses acts of plagiarism, including papers students turn in that are written by friends, but cheaters may not succeed in fooling the professor.

"If a student turns in a roommate's paper instead of his or her own work, and Turnitin doesn't have access to this paper, I still detect this as plagiarism because suddenly a student's topic is different," said Bullock.

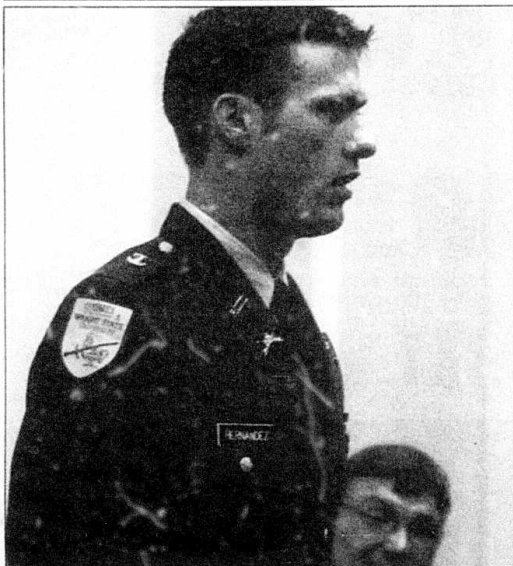
"Instructors are trained readers, making it easy to see stylistic differences."

There are various levels of academic dishonesty outlined in the WSU student handbook. "When an instructor suspects plagiarism, a set of forms is sent to the student, and a meeting's arranged," Bullock said. "If a student agrees or doesn't show up, the assumption's an admission of guilt, and the instructor gives a penalty and sends a form to judicial affairs where it's put in the student's file."

Exact numbers of students who commit plagiarism can be hard to come

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Ronald Hernandez addressed the crowd at the Raider Battalion awards ceremony on May 19. Hernandez received the Battalion Commander's Leadership Award.

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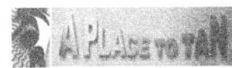
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WSU remains among colleges below national suicide average

■ Suicide is one of the leading causes of death among college students

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Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, but WSU is below average.

"We are significantly below the national average. I am not sure why this is the case, however, it could relate to students using the resources available within the university community, their family and friends, etc.," said Robert Rando, director for the center of psychological services and associate professor at WSU.

"Being a college student is very

stressful. Having a low paying job, keeping grades up for the little financial aid you do get, paying rent and utilities if you live off campus, driving to campus and hoping you picked the right lot to search for a parking spot, and taking 20 or more credit hours because you know that certain classes

"At other colleges, I don't get this type of environment or feeling."

- Ryan Butsch

you'll never get in it again," said Miranda Fairrow, organizational leadership major. "It's a lot to deal with. Most of us live off campus and have all the 'average' people's responsibilities, plus

our obligations to school."

Among one of the many resources available within the university community is the "student success website," developed by Rando himself. At the URL <http://www.wright.edu/cps/studentsuccess/>, students will find a stress management and anxiety workshop. In addition to this website, counselors can be sought out at the center of psychological services.

Developing a strategy for coping with stress "depends on what causes the stress," said Rando. Students must "address the situation," he said. Enumerating the various factors that contribute to depression and suicide, Rando cited "increased stress levels in terms of post-9/11, economic concerns, shifts in family structure, and career choices."

While the last suicide at WSU occurred two years ago, some students

feel that the campus atmosphere provides fertile ground for serious stress and depression. "This college has an

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- Miranda Fairrow

anti-social environment. At other colleges, I don't get this type of environment or feeling," said Ryan Butsch, middle childhood education major.

Fear of draft's renewal exists in spite of political and social obstacles within U.S.

Scott Canon

Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Like the rest of America, 19-year-old Gregori Anderson tracks the news of war.

He sees that Afghanistan is not yet a settled matter. He watches the Iraqi insurgency build steam. He notices all the National Guard and reserve units called to duty, and how military manpower seems scarce.

If the anti-American rebellion in Iraq does not fade, the University of Kansas student could imagine a draft of guys his age to wage the war on terror.

"It worries me," he said.

Then he thinks about the politics, and his nervousness wanes.

"It would cause too much backlash," Anderson said. "It would be too risky for the politicians."

A handful in Congress, worried that the armed services might be undersized and convinced that sacrifices should not fall so heavily on the working-class folk drawn to the military, have called for a return to the draft.

That has fed alarm in some quarters that there is a secret plot to restart the draft if not soon, then after the November presidential election.

Yet all but a few politicians see the draft as a ticket out of office and to nationwide revolt. Generals loathe the idea. Military analysts find it neither likely nor necessary.

"If they need them, they can buy more people" with higher pay or sweetened college tuition plans, said Owen Cote of the security studies program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Yet the fear of a draft stays alive.

"There seems to be a very high probability of one occurring after the 2004 elections," asserted the Web page of the Draft Resistance Network. "This seems to be true regardless of whether 'Mandatory Public Service Kerry' or 'Belligerent Bush' takes office."

Never mind that both campaigns reject the idea, or that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, as a House member in the 1970s, introduced the first bill to end the draft.

Meantime the Selective Service System chugs along, collecting young

men's names and training local draft boards. But it is a lightly funded agency its sub-\$30 million budget wouldn't armor 1,500 Humvees.

Its recent efforts to recruit board members it had to replace thousands who started during the Reagan administration and recently hit the 20-year service limit sparked more anxiety among those searching for evidence that a draft is in the works.

"Notwithstanding recent stories in the news media and on the Internet, Selective Service is not getting ready to conduct a draft for the U.S. Armed Forces," the agency declares on its Web site.

More than anything, however, the strain of keeping troops fresh for battle in Iraq and Afghanistan drives draft talk.

An Army mechanized infantry brigade is being pulled out of South Korea in an unprecedented move to station the troops for a year in Iraq.

Files of roughly 17,000 people in the Individual Ready Reserve, a class of former soldiers, have been pulled as the Army searches for specialists in short supply.

The Defense Department has

asked Congress to enlist the Internal Revenue Service's help in tracking down tens of thousands of out-of-touch reservists facing recall to active duty. Thousands of reservists and guardsmen are on alert for mobilization, while 167,000 already have been called to active duty.

A Congressional Budget Office report concluded late last year that the United States could maintain current troop levels in Iraq almost indefinitely but that such an effort would come at the expense of defending other positions around the world.

By all accounts, keeping the military at its current size appears easy enough in the foreseeable future.

The military has been consistently hitting, even exceeding, recruiting goals since Sept. 11, 2001. And of all the branches, only the Army struggles to hit re-enlistment targets.

What the Congressional Budget Office report suggests, however, is that the country might need either fewer fights or a bigger Army. Derisive as they are of a draft, pols and Pentagon brass talk openly about expanding the military.

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Bush assures Republicans policies will succeed

Helen Kennedy and Thomas M. DeFrank

(KRT) WASHINGTON President Bush tried to assure jittery congressional Republicans Thursday they have nothing to fear from the November elections, despite his lackluster poll numbers, turmoil in Iraq and the U.S. economy.

As Democrats sounded surprisingly cocky about their electoral prospects, Bush made a don't-go-wob-bly-on-me journey to Capitol Hill, vowing to "stay the course" in Iraq and predicting his postwar policy would ultimately succeed.

The presidential exhortation

may have been a harder sell than White House optimists contended.

The Bush handlers "were worried that people were getting weak-kneed on the foreign policy agenda," said a GOP Capitol Hill source.

Bush officials said the meeting was arranged by Senate and House GOP leaders to calm fears of their rank-and-file members that the bad news from Iraq and a tanking stock market might cost many their jobs this fall. Bush took no questions but mingled with members.

Several participants described Bush's visit as a pep rally designed to convince Republicans heading home for the Memorial Day recess that he

and they have a strong record on which to run.

On Iraq, Bush once again warned that he expects more violence after the June 30 transfer of sovereignty to a new Iraqi government. He added he is determined to stick with the handover timetable, saying it's "time to take the training wheels off" and let power flow back to Iraq.

Meanwhile, in the face of what Democratic pollster Mark Mellman calls Bush's poll "meltdown," the Kerry campaign and its Democratic advisers were displaying a new brashness.

Bush now has "the odds against him. He is more likely to lose than win," said Democratic strategists

James Carville and Stan Greenberg in a new polling analysis.

Kerry campaign manager Mary Beth Calmill noted that the Bush campaign openly predicted their negative ad blitz would crush Kerry within 90 days about 90 days ago. Instead, Kerry's poll numbers, while anemic, are inching up while Bush's are shrinking steadily.

"Every incumbent who's been reelected had a double-digit lead at this point," Mellman said.

As they announced that Kerry had raised \$73 million since Super Tuesday, the confident Kerryites say they are now planning to take the fight to Bush country the "red states."

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by though because Bullock said there are an underground percentage of cases that get dealt with between instructor and student.

"The best ways to avoid plagiarism are to create assignments that force students to do their own work, monitor what they're doing and along the way, work with them through research. Also, adjusting assignments every quarter helps so that it's difficult to turn in the same paper," Bullock said.

Students may find doing their own work is actually easier and more rewarding in the end. "I don't think plagiarism is worth the risk," said Julie Honerlaw, organizational communication major.

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Student loan rates to hit record lows

Andrea Connes

(KRT)

SAN FRANCISCO — Despite the specter of rising interest rates, student-loan borrowers will soon enjoy the lowest rates in 39 years for the year beginning July 1.

The variable rate on federal Stafford loans, the most common, drops to 2.77 percent from 2.82 percent

for current students and new graduates, according to Sallie Mae, the student loan lender. Graduates will pay 3.37 percent, down from 3.42 percent, and parents with PLUS loans will pay 4.17 percent, vs. 4.22 percent.

"Interest is accruing at a very slow pace compared to prior years when the rates were as high as 8.25 percent," said Patricia Scherschel, consolidation product executive at Sallie

Mae.

Student loan rates are reset each year on July 1. They're tied to investment yields on short-term Treasury bills based on May's final auction, plus an additional formula.

Some borrowers planning to consolidate existing variable-rate loans into a single fixed-rate one would best wait until after July 1. The Education

Dept. allows those with a single variable-rate loan or a mix of fixed and variable loans accumulated over the years to refinance into one fixed-rate loan with often longer repayment schedules.

The consolidation rate for Stafford borrowers already in repayment will be 3.375 percent starting July 1, down from 3.5 percent, according to Sallie Mae.

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"The bottom line is, you can do almost anything for a year in terms of deployments," said Cindy Williams, an MIT defense analyst. "The question is whether then you'll have fresh troops to rotate in. Where does the next batch of troops come from?"

Roughly 135,000 troops are on duty in Iraq. About 14,000 remain in Afghanistan. Some 250,000 are spread around the globe on various missions, while 37,000 stand guard in South Korea. Of the Army's 10 divisions, part or all of nine are tied up with Iraq and Afghanistan.

About two in five troops in Iraq and Afghanistan hail from the Army Reserve or the Army National Guard, some of whom have been called to active duty two and three times since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. About 20,000 of those part-time troops had their duty extended 90 days when security turned sour this spring. That has given birth to the common grumble "One weekend a month, my ass" and fed speculation that their ranks are full of people eager to bail out as soon as their current obligations expire.

Even if troops from the reserves and the National Guard did flee in large numbers, or if Congress decided to expand the size of the military, as looks likely, experts agree there are other ways to find eager troops and avoid a draft of reluctant warriors.

For starters, the Pentagon could let in recruits already knocking on the door. The Marines, for instance, require special waivers to enlist people who have had surgery on joints, a rule that tends to screen out mended football halfbacks and basketball shooting guards.

Likewise, the Army could let in more people without high school diplomas — it prefers high school graduates to people with general equivalency diplomas, because graduation suggests a level of perseverance and still keep recruits' reading scores above their civilian peers.

Today, 92 percent of Army recruits have diplomas. When the draft ended in 1973, just 58 percent of recruits had graduated high school.

The Pentagon has not been asked to expand yet, so it has kept standards constant through the war on terror. And why should it change? Typically, economic conditions in the private sector are better predictors of enlistment than the perceived danger or

hardship of service.

The problem, say those touting a draft, is that the all-volunteer army leads to a military disproportionately filled with people who put on uniforms in search of a leg up out of poverty, for a chance to leave small towns for adventure, or for a lack of other options. The country club set, meanwhile, takes a pass.

Thirty percent of members of Congress served in the military, less than half the number of 30 years ago. Only six House members and one senator have children in the military now.

That seeming insularity prompts some arguments that American foreign policy might prove more restrained, or the burden of war might be spread more fairly, if the sons of elites were vulnerable to battle.

"Why shouldn't we ask all of our citizens to bear some responsibility and pay some price?"

- Chuck Hagel

Most prominently, Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel of New York leads 13 members of the House pushing likely in vain to revive the draft for what they see as a fairer sharing of the war burden.

Across the Capitol, Sens. Joseph Biden, a Delaware Democrat, and Chuck Hagel, a Nebraska Republican, stop short of endorsing a draft but say it is worth talking about.

"Why shouldn't we ask all of our citizens to bear some responsibility and pay some price?" poses Hagel.

Asked by the Army Times whether a draft was needed, Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin said: "Absolutely no. ... We have people who choose to be with us."

Critics say a draft would bring in poorly motivated men not easily woven into ever more specialized training that puts America's high-technology advantage onto the battlefield.

It is an article of faith among senior officers that today's willing sol-

diers make for a more manageable, more professional force than the one populated with conscripts a generation ago.

"It can take two years now before somebody is up to speed to the point where they're helpful to the military's mission," said Derek Stewart, director of military personnel issues for Congress' General Accounting Office. "By that time, with a draft, the guy's time might be up."

Such draft speculation is all hypothetical. The number of years required from a draftee would be decided by Congress, among other issues that would surely clutter the way toward such a move.

Selective Service officials point out that many of the inequities that critics cited as unfair about the draft during the days of the Vietnam

War that well-heeled college kids tended to receive seemingly endless deferments, for instance would be a thing of the past.

That, however, presumes that the same politicians who tackle the issue would refrain from tinkering with its details. For instance, current law excludes women from draft registration. But that could be changed.

Meantime, the ranks of warriors already have begun to seize on the rules for a draft that virtually no one who studies military personnel issues considers plausible in the near future.

"Do you think Bush will reinstate the draft ... in 2005?" someone identifying herself as the mother of a 20-year-old man wrote to an anti-draft Web site. "Is there anything that can be done to get only sons exempt from all military service?"

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

No Specifics in Bush's Plan

According to the White House, the president's speech Monday night wasn't to be missed: Mr. Bush would unveil a five-step plan for the transfer of power in Iraq. Then, President Bush appeared on television and said absolutely nothing.

Mr. Bush promised to do the following: transfer power to the Iraqis, establish law and order, rebuild the infrastructure, rally international assistance, and establish democratic elections.

This five-step schedule smacked of the same ambiguity and rhetoric that for months has frustrated the international community and tested the patience of the American public. Certainly, the president has the resources to devise a strategy much more specific than the one he laid out to the public this week. Monday night's speech is yet another example of the administration's poor planning and lack of direction.

Essentially, what the president told us about his strategy is that he doesn't have one.

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Freedom for some but not all

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Bill Clinton signed the "don't ask don't tell" policy into effect: a law that bans openly gay people from serving in the armed forces, requires those who do serve to conceal their sexual orientation and avoid homosexual conduct, and prohibits military personnel from being asked about their sexual orientation. Soldiers in Iraq are fighting for their lives and ours. They are serving to protect values like "equality" and "freedom". Apparently words like that are worth dying for, but the people who die can't apply them. Apparently if you are homosexual, your fight for equality and freedom can't extend past your own life.

I myself am not a homosexual. However, as a theatre major, I am in constant contact with people who are. I can tell you that I have some very good friends, who are homosexuals, and they're not only some of the nicest and most talented people I've ever met, but most of them are some of the most patriotic people I've ever met as well. A lot of these "country boy, good old fashioned American, sons of liberty" guys make me sick. They sit there talking about how much they love America and the freedoms it gives everyone. They talk about how important being free is and being free to express yourself and be who you are. They talk about dying for these things. But then you mention gays in the mili-

tary and they suddenly switch modes into conservatives who don't want any kind of change.

I was in an argument last week with a few of the ROTC guys who I walked by while they made a remark in which they called a gay person nearby a "fag". Apparently there is no place in this wonderful free land for things so "unnatural" as homosexuals. They say that they follow their bible and their priests and they just will not accept them. I tried to tell them that they're going to have to accept it as part of life nowadays because more and more people come out of the closet every year, but they simply wouldn't hear any of it. They went into some defense mode where they used lots of profanity and made some idle threats. Not very convincing arguments.

So I asked them the question I always ask people of their mindset. "Have you ever been in combat?" They all said no. "Let me ask you this then, if you were pinned down, and you were in a shootout in Iraq, would you be worried about whether the guy next to you who could quite possibly save your life within the next few minutes is a 'fag' or would you just want to know he could fire a gun?" None of them had answers, and most people who are "anti-gay" don't. The real answer is this. If it were me, I wouldn't worry about anything other than "can this man save my life?"

In 1948, President Harry Truman signed a bill that infuriated a lot of the

country. The bill was a full integration of the armed forces. Lots of people didn't think blacks should be allowed in the military. Some people still thought that lynching was still a fun thing to do. More than 55 years later, African-Americans now account for more than the 25 percent of enlisted personnel. The secretary of state is a black man [and former general], and 56 years ago he wouldn't have been allowed to pick up a uniform. Although this does say a lot for our country, it should show that things that may scare us at first should be dealt with so that we as a nation can move on.

One of the worst things we as a nation did was right after 9/11. We fired nine Arab interpreters because they were gay. As a result, 4 of the people chosen to replace them are being faced with espionage charges.

I don't understand why people don't want to allow gays into the military. It must make insecure people feel better about the world, like they have some control. But people who validate it with religious reasons need to open their eyes. I'm not a religious person, I believe organized religion has ruined the world and cost humanity millions of wasted lives because of religious persecution. However, even I know a few of the teachings taught by some religions and I follow them daily. "Treat others the way you would want to be treated," and more importantly, "Judge not, lest thee be judged yourself".

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Professor Sumser's expression of free speech by having fragments of an American flag in his office window is to be applauded for two reasons. First, it is an expression of free speech guaranteed by our Constitution.

Second, it calls attention to a central truth: the war against Iraq and the occupation that has followed are illegal and immoral and the brutality by our prison guards, while horrific, are minor compared to the continuing attack on Iraq in the interests of our corporate interests.

The statements of our government that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, that we want democracy for Iraq and that the Iraqi people would welcome us with open arms have all been lies or at a minimum false.

Support our troops! Support the Iraqi people! Pay restitution to Iraq! Bring our troops home!

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Abolitionist Frederick Douglass said it so well: "He is a lover of his country who rebukes and does not excuse its sins."

Prof. Robert Sumser seems to be saying something similar with his image of a "fragmented American flag."

After all, how can we mend a flag if we refuse to see it is torn? How can we fix something of value when we refuse to see its brokenness?

How can we correct an errant policy without admitting our error, without questioning motives? And how can we mend ourselves without seeing our own brokenness?

History has shown us time and again: Real love is not merely sentimental; it asks hard questions. The country and soldiers we love deserve no less.

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I almost completely disagree with Jennifer Hosier about her claims in this editorial, and furthermore I completely agree with Professor Sumser. His statement saying, "I don't support the war. I don't support the troops. I support Iraq's right to resist American occupation," was impressive and bold. I admire him for expressing his opinion so clearly and not retracting it due to others protests.

I must go one to say directly to Jennifer Hosier that as far as her complaints on Professor Sumser's American flag, I would have to complain about a whole American flag. Is there a difference in my saying that I disagree with the war by expressing it clearly through a shredded American flag, and yours saying I support the war by displaying a whole American flag? Why can you display yours if I cannot display mine? If no one ever protested our government where would all Americans be now?

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Opinion

Winning the War of Liberty over Liberalism

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I attended Catholic schools all my life; my faith as a Roman Catholic has been my cornerstone for most of my political stances. I have been attending Wright State for three years, and if I weren't so close to graduating, I would leave this campus and the warped minds of its students and faculty. I would take my \$5,000 tuition to a university where students and faculty members respect and understand the freedoms we are given because we reside in this wonderful nation.

I am a former student of Prof. Sumser; I took his HST 103 a few years back. He never hid the fact that he had liberal views; I had no problem with it. I consider myself a conservative and I enjoy discussing my views with those of others, especially when they differ from mine. In the words of Sean Hannity the problem that is coming about, is the new radical left that's evolving.

This left has a goal to destroy the United States as we know it. For example this new left is attempting to isolate

the U.S. from foreign nations as well as demilitarize our national defense. It is obvious by their protests to remove soldiers from foreign countries. It doesn't matter to the new left that we are trying to liberate countries that have had people enslaved under militaristic dictatorships, and innocent people tortured by their leaders, freed from this discrimination.

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For K. Newman and his remark that our President Bush is considered a more dangerous terrorist than we consider Bin Laden, you couldn't be more right. But it is the Al-Qaeda groups that flew planes into the WTC & Pentagon, along with other terrorist groups that affiliate with them. These are the people who have the fear of President Bush

and how dangerous he is.

In a loose relation to Seth Chalmers letter, I was listening to Willy Cunningham on 700 WLW on Tuesday, when a liberal woman called in and asked, "how come your GREAT President has allowed the marriage of homosexuals in his presidency and Bill Clinton didn't?" If only I had the radio mic. I have heard in my past American history classes that the effects of a president are not fully experienced until four years after he is out of office. If you believe this please continue to read on. Under the presidency of Bill Clinton the sacred institution of marriage was turned into a joke. The name was tarnished, and according to his actions he defines marriage as the breakable union between man and woman for casual sex acts, and it is okay to lie to everyone about it. I guess when he said his wedding vows there was nothing about staying true and faithful. The mockery he made of marriage really reflects the view of the public on the issues of gay marriages. That is, people don't realize that to some people marriage is a sacrament, to be held for those who love each other and are willing to continue their love through procreation and continuing

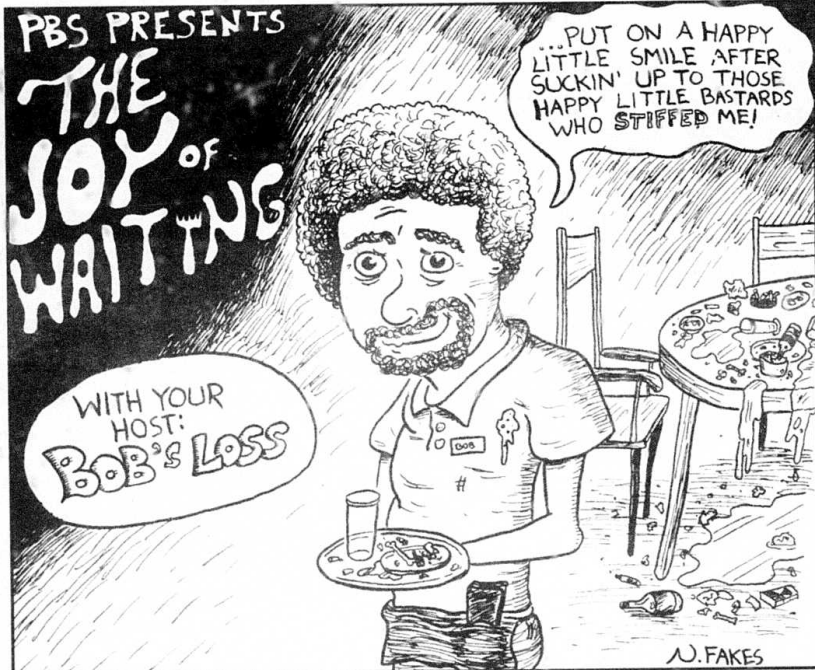
the circle of life.

In closing I would like to pose a few questions to the students and faculty of Wright State University. You're probably totally fine with the photos and treatment of what happened at Abu Ghraib prison, correct? Would you vote some one to be the president of your country, who involved themselves in the behavior of treating captured soldiers in that manner? Would you vote for some one to be in office who has killed tens of hundreds of innocent women and children? If you answered no to any of these questions then I ask you to rethink who you will be voting for in November. Democratic hopeful John Kerry has admitted to slaughtering the innocent while in Vietnam.

Please remember that the soldiers are our fellow country men, they could use our prayers and thanks. If you do not support the war the least you can do is support them.

I ask the students and faculty of WSU to show a least an ounce of pride in their country. Remember, without this country, you would have no freedoms, show it respect.

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Scene

A voice from the Honda Civic Tour

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After the Honda Civic Tour's Dashboard Confessional, The Get Up Kids and Thrice recently passed through Riverbend in Cincinnati, The Guardian had the opportunity to chat on the phone with Thrice's drummer Riley Breckenridge.

Riley's thoughts on the Civic Tour

Breckenridge said that the show at Riverbend was the first show that the band "didn't feel strange...it took us awhile to feel comfortable with the set that we were playing on tour," Breckenridge said.

"We are playing a less aggressive set than we might normally play because we are doing this tour to hopefully reach out to more people who may not have heard about us before," he added.

Touring with Dashboard Confessional has been a surprising experience for Thrice. Breckenridge said that "it's really cool. I had no idea that they are as big as they are. We are playing these huge venues with anyone from

"We ended up buying this light blue, late eighties Ford Econoline van," Breckenridge said. "It was like six different shades of light blue," he said.

"It was like someone had beaten it with a baseball bat and painted over the rust spots with any shade of blue they could find," Breckenridge recalled. "People would ask us, uh, what color is your van? We were like, it's blue."

Breckenridge said that the van lacked an air conditioner, the breaks were shot, and it had a loose steering column. "You

"The Artist in the Ambulance" is the first record that Thrice has recorded with a major record label, Island Records. "We had more time in the studio to mess around with different guitar and drum sounds," he said. "We were able to get a really good sounding recording...it is our best sounding record and our most complete record," Breckenridge said.

"We are having a lot of fun on this tour," Breckenridge said. "The response to our new record has been better than we expected," he said. Breckenridge also added that the band is ready to start recording a new album. "We have more ideas for the next album than we have ever had before," he said.

A Band with Heart

Thrice recognizes the people that have helped them become successful. "We wanted to get our fans involved in this video," Breckenridge said.

"We wanted them to send in photos that represent specific emotions that they feel when they listen to the song," he said. "The video will be 50/50...half will be performance footage, and the other half will be images that they send in," Breckenridge said. "The video is in the editing stage," he said.

In addition to recognizing the people that helped them get to where they are today, Thrice is also ready to do its part in giving back to the community. One of the charities that Thrice is involved with is the Syrenthia J. Savio Endowment.

"This organization helps people pay for breast cancer screenings and treatments if someone is diagnosed with breast cancer and does not have the money or health insurance to cover the expenses," Breckenridge said. The charity was founded by a friend of the band, Mark Beemer, after his wife passed away



(From L to R) Teppei Teranishi, Dustin Kensure, Ed Breckenridge, and Riley Breckenridge

from breast cancer.

"One of the things his wife wanted him to before she passed away was to start a foundation to raise money to set up free breast cancer screening areas around low income areas of Washington DC, which is where Mark is from," he said. "It feels really good to be involved with someone who is so dedicated in making a difference in people's lives."

Excerpts from the interview with Riley Breckenridge:

Guardian: If you could tour with one band for the rest of your career, who would it be?

Riley: Radiohead...I'd pick their brains about how they do what they do and try to figure out why they are so amazing.

Guardian: What did you want to be when you were little?

Riley: A baseball player

Guardian: I hear you are a fan of Dave Grohl.

Riley: Huge fan of Dave Grohl...he's a genius. I liked the stuff he did with Nirvana and the "Drumming for Queens of the Stone Age" album. He's an amazing drummer...and the stuff he did with the Foo Fighters...he is an incredible song writer and he has got a great voice.

Guardian: Advice for bands who are looking for a big break?

Riley: Play as often as you possibly can, regardless if it is in front of a thousand people or one person. If you affect one person in a positive way, they will tell a friend, and you will start to build a fan base that way.

Guardian: Boxers or briefs?

Riley: Boxers...we aren't a tightly whitey kind of band!



(From L to R) Teppei Teranishi, Ed Breckenridge, Riley Breckenridge, and Dustin Kensure.

know when in crappy movies when the person is driving, and they are like, hey, I'm fake driving? That's what we had to do to keep the van going straight," he said.

One day while they were touring on the Warp Tour, the transmission dropped. "We were about halfway to Arizona when all the sudden the transmission drops and sticks in second gear," he said. "We ended up driving home in second gear. We had to put our gear in Dustin's mom's mini-van."

The Artist in the Ambulance: The Latest Record

"I think that this new record is the most mature and most complete album we have ever

done," Breckenridge said. "The previous records were a little scatterbrained, and we recorded them a little hastily," he said.

Breckenridge said that the band focused more on the quality of the song writing for this album. "We were more concerned with individual parts of the last albums than we were with writing songs with the last albums," he said. "On the new record we focus more on song writing memorable songs instead of memorable parts."



(From L to R) Dustin Kensure and Teppei Teranishi.

five thousand to eight thousand people...I am blown away about how enthusiastic and rabid his fan base is," he said.

The response to the new album has gone well. "We all have pretty modest goals, and to be able to do a tour with Dashboard Confessional or to have a song played on MTV is sort of surreal...it is something we thought would never happen," Breckenridge said. "We are so thankful for where we are right now."

The Early Days: Lorenzo the Blue Van

In Thrice's early days they had a unique way of traveling to their shows.



(From L to R) Teppei Teranishi, Riley Breckenridge, Dustin Kensure, and Ed Breckenridge.

Thrice: In search of some relief

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REVIEW

I suppose that someone who has had enough with the world around them would be ready to do some yelling.

Living in an imperfect world

Punk band Thrice, composed of Dustin Kensrue, Eddie Breckenridge, Teppei Teranishi and Riley Breckenridge, seems to be in search of some healing on this album. "The Artist in the Ambulance."

Most of the songs on the album depict an imperfect world and the lazy people in it who don't want to make change. Songs such as "Cold Cash and Colder Hearts" and "All That's Left" paint pictures of a world that is run by money and greed. Get past the screaming and you have some thought provoking lyrics that make you think about some of the suffering that goes on in the world.

Even though Kensrue belts out his lyrics for most of the album, there are

some pretty moments where he finds a melody and it becomes easy to sing along with. Songs like "The Artist in the Ambulance" and "Stare at the Sun" are a bit easier to digest than the screamfest in the songs "Silhouette" and "Paper Tigers." The screaming can be justified, though, as the issues that run through the album are worth becoming passionate about.

Hope in an imperfect world

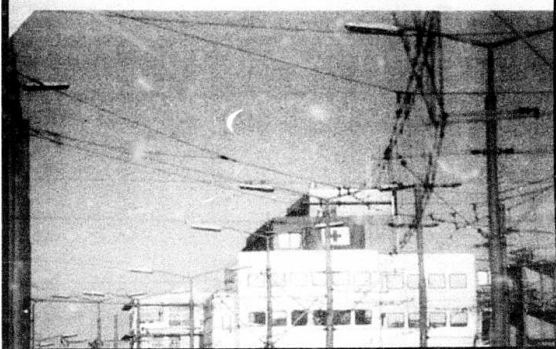
Even though a majority of the songs are about issues like indifference and discrimination, there is an element of hope in this album. It comes in the title track, "The Artist in the Ambulance." It's a song of self realization; it's a song about waking up and realizing that change in the world will not start by merely talking about it. It starts with action.

And with this action comes hope. It's a hope that if people start reacting to things that are unjust, that the world will start to become a slightly better place. Kensrue sings that he is "sick of empty words, let's lead, not follow," and gives his audience a little nudge to stop being so passive about events and issues that go on around them.

Yes, the guitar riffs and the drums rock on this album... but by far the

THRICE

THE ARTIST IN THE AMBULANCE



best thing on this record is the message behind Kensrue's powerful lyrics. Do yourself and someone else

a favor. Take a ride in the ambulance and find a way that you can help bring hope or change to someone's life.

Local novelist visits Wright State University

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The man on the stage looks ordinary as he flips through the pages of the book, looking for just the right story to share with the assembled crowd of students and teachers. He looks normal, but the visions of horror and the surreal that come through the stories he reads reveal the twisted and fantastic imagination of a chilling and entertaining writer.

Tim Waggoner is the author of 10 novels and a short story collection. He also has published over 70 short stories in the fantasy and science fiction genre. He recently visited Wright State University for a reading of his work. Coming to Wright State was like a homecoming for Waggoner, who received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Wright State University. In fact, some of the stories in his short story collection, *All Too Surreal* are based on WSU's campus.

During the reading, which took place



Tim Waggoner

Wednesday, May 12th, Waggoner read a story entitled *Portrait of a Horror Writer* that was recently published in the top horror fiction magazine, *Cemetery Dance*. This story, written in the

2nd person, is a gyrating thrill ride into the mind of a horror fiction writer and the creation of his art. It deals with many of the clichés surrounding the horror genre, but comes out with a brand new and exciting twist. Waggoner also read two more stories from his short story collection.

Waggoner, who is a professor of English at Sinclair Community College where he teaches creative writing, has written 5 novels due to be published this year. One novel was written for *Wizards of the Coast* and is set in the popular *Dragonlance* universe, which is famous for its role-playing fantasy games. The novel, *Temple of the Dragonslayer*, is set for release in July. Another novel similar in structure to *Temple of the Dragonslayer*, entitled *Dark Ages: Gangrel*, was released earlier this year by White Wolf, a company that also produces role-playing games.

Necropolis is another novel by Tim Waggoner that was recently released. The title of this novel is the name of a city in another realm where all the dark creatures from human history reside,

including werewolves, vampires and witches. The city of *Necropolis* and its inhabitants come under threat by a villain threatening to bring killing light to the eternal dark world in which the novel is set.

These novels are just a few of the 5 set to be released in 2004. During the question and answer session of the reading at Wright State, Waggoner was asked how he managed to write so many novels in such a short period of time. Waggoner's reply was "I can't not write. Writing is as natural as breathing." With such a candid and honest statement, it's no wonder that Tim Waggoner is so successful.

Waggoner has also written many articles on the craft of writing and on teaching. These articles have appeared in *Writer's Digest* and *Teaching English* in the Two-Year College.

Interested in reading some of Tim Waggoner's works? Then visit his website at fororderinginformationabout his books, a list of his publications and awards, as well as several of his non-fiction articles

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Riverbend Arts Council presents Art in the Park

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After attending the usual Memorial Day barbeque and taking a dip in the swimming pool, consider heading out to the Riverbend Art Council's Art in the Park on Memorial Day weekend.

On May 29 and May 30, the arts council will exhibit over 100 artists from all around the country. These artists include jewelers Bob and Sharon Spry from Merritt Island, Fla., photographer William Munoz from Shawnee, British Columbia and Carol Whearty from Quartzite, Ariz.

Metals instructor at Riverbend and Art Committee Representative for the arts council as "a non profit organization serving to promote the programs and activities of the city of Dayton's Riverbend Art Center."

The show held on Memorial Day weekend will feature ceramics, jewelry, weaving, garden accessories and a children's tent. Brand said, "The children's tent is a space set aside for children's activities; some of the activities are painting on silk and rice paper, rubber stamp art, clay bowl making and origami."

In addition to having art displays,

there will be an opportunity for the community to buy art. Brand said this show "provides a buying opportunity for unique and original art which would be not likely found in more traditional venues. The experience of buying directly from the artist is hard to duplicate in any other setting, he said."

Brand added, "The show introduces the community to art which is closely related to the classes taught at the center. It also serves as a springboard for emerging artists to develop their market."

There will also be plenty of food to consume while perusing or buying art. Brand said that profits from the show

are used in support of the center for equipment, program support and scholarships for art classes.

Want to go to Art in the Park?

What: Art in the Park
When: May 29 & 30
Time: 11 AM- 6 PM Sat
11 AM to 5 PM Sun
Cost: \$2
Children under 16 Free
Where: Deweese Park, Dayton

Call 333-7700 for more info and directions

Seeking a challenge: The dual world of Antje Williams

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Wright State is a place where minds of all ages assemble to become challenged, to become more educated about the world around them. Student Antje Williams decided that she was ready to meet those challenges.

Where some students balance work and school, a family or other obligations, Williams has a unique obligation on her plate: middle school.

Why she came to WSU

Williams had participated in Studebaker Elementary School's program for gifted students, called SOAR (Special Opportunity and Advanced Resources). "I had taken a test in school that showed that I was gifted," Williams said. "So then I went to SOAR," she said. She would take SOAR classes once a week and her other classes in the afternoon.

One memorable activity in which Williams participated was electrocut-

ing a pickle in an activity showing that the skin of a pickle holds water. "First the pickle turned orange, and then it turned black," she said.

After being in SOAR for a couple years, Williams still was still in search of an outlet that could expand her mind even further. "I didn't want to be contained," Williams said. "The program was good for awhile, but I wanted more," she said.

Her Dual World

Williams says that the biggest difference between Studebaker and WSU is that Studebaker has more rules.

"They are uptight about things like gum," she said. "There aren't a lot of restrictions at WSU," she said. "There's also more of a schedule at Studebaker," she said.

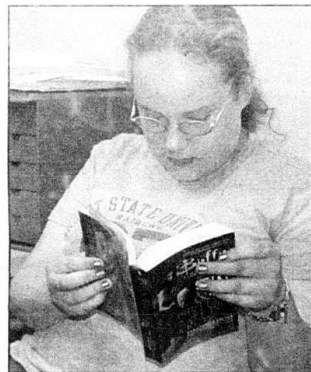
At twelve years old, Williams is currently enrolled in a German class at WSU. "I am in German 103 here," she said. "I like German because my mom's family is German," she said. The class she is taking now will count

as college credit when she continues college after high school.

The field that Williams plans on studying after she graduates high school is criminal justice. She said she enjoys learning about the law and would like to be an attorney when she grows up. "Part of it is because my dad is in the field," she said. "One of my favorite shows is 'Law and Order,'" she added.

Williams thinks that most people misinterpret the word "gifted." Williams believes that it is a vague word. "Being gifted is about the way you think as opposed to what you actually know," she said. "It's more about thinking critically or analyzing things," she said.

When Williams is not studying German or for her classes at Studebaker, she enjoys reading books about and watching "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." She also plays the cello.



Antje Williams

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"The case is about as big as I am," she said. "My favorite piece to play is Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy,'" she said. Williams is also a big fan of the band of Evanescence.

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Mamma Soufflé

Dear Mamma Soufflé,

I'm a freshman here at Wright State University, and I think I might be in danger of failing this quarter. I just took a good look at my final exam schedule, and I think I'm in real trouble. I only have two weeks left, and I have 3 papers due and 4 final exams all of which are comprehensive. I have no idea how I'm going to get it all done. I have to work and study and make time for my boyfriend. Do you have any time-saving ideas for studying and writing papers?

Please help.
Final Exam Troubles

Dear Final Exam Troubles,

It's really easy for time to get away from you. It's very easy at the end of the school year to get caught up in summer fun and get behind on your school work. With only two weeks to go, I'm afraid that you don't have very many options. But never fear, I do have a few helpful suggestions.

The first, of course, would be to ask for time off work. Make sure that your employer has a copy of your exam schedule, and then tell them about all the extra work you have to do. Most employers are sympathetic to their working students around final exam time. Don't worry about the money you'll lose; you won't be driving anywhere for the next two weeks with all the work you'll need to do to prepare for the end of the quarter.

Once you've secured time off, start hitting the books. I would recommend working on your papers first. Make sure that you resist the urge to cheat on your papers. There are hundreds of free essay websites out there, but they are easily detectable by your professors and most of the papers are not of high quality in the first place.

So instead of cheating, embrace the wonderful art of B.S. (and no, I don't mean Bachelors of Science). The wonderful art of B.S. is a way to make your papers long enough to reach the appropriate length. I'm sure that most of the professors or TA's who'll be grading your papers aren't very interested in the content, but rather in the length. B.S. is a great way to reach the length you'll need. To successfully B.S. use long, complicated sentences that are full of unnecessary words. Always spell out your numbers, and always list full names.

Another excellent way to achieve the required length is to insert long, meaningless quotes that seem very informative. Just use quotes that are remotely related to your topic, and you'll be fine. You can also change the font size on your papers to achieve the required length. Remember that the only requirement is that the font size be 12. So experiment with the different types of fonts to see which one is the largest.

In order to prepare for your exams, there's no substitute for long hours spent cracking the books. Once again, avoid cheating at all costs. Instead, utilize the time you do have by not wasting it on sleeping. Drink lots of coffee or soda and don't be afraid to supplement with caffeine pills. Always remember that when your eyes start to go blurry, you should get away from the desk and go out with your boyfriend. Your mind can only handle so much. And remember as my ole' Grand Pappy Soufflé used to say, "Don't forget to change your boots when you come out of the pigpen."

—Mamma Soufflé

EVENT CALENDAR

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| May 27-29 | The Human Race Theatre Company presents '24 Hours' at The Loft Theatre |
| May 29-30 | Art In the Park, Riverbend Art Center, Admission \$2 |
| June 6 | Playa' Charity Ball, Dayton Convention Center |
| June 14 | World Wrestling Entertainment Raw, Nutter Center |
| June 24 | The Music of Led Zeppelin and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra |
| August 28 | Clay Aiken, Nutter Center |

Break of Day

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Sports

Golf finishes in 27th at NCAA Regionals

Tough course and conditions make for high scores in final tournament

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The men's golf team finished their season with a 27th place finish at the NCAA West Regional in Sunriver, Ore.

The Raiders were led by the 94th place finish of junior Marty Miller. Miller, a native of Middletown, Ohio, shot a total score of 232 for the tournament.

"Everyone did well the first day...it took a while to get used to the greens...and we had some trouble with our speed. We'd never played on greens so fast."

—Junior, Tate Prows

Junior Tate Prows had a lot to say about his team's performance. "Everyone did well the first day...it took a while to get used to the greens...and we had some trouble with our speed. We'd never played on greens so fast," said Prows.

After day one the men were in 24th place after shooting a team total of 305. The course for the Regional was the par 72, 7,597-yard Crosswater Club at Sunriver resort. Michael Tipton of

Bellbrook was tops for the men after day one. The junior shot a one-over-par 73 and was in 40th place. Miller posted a 74 on day one, while Brandon Judy scored a 75. Tate Prows rounded things out for the men, shooting an 83. Brandon Knutson missed the tournament due to an illness.

"(Brandon) Knutson was just exhausted when we got there, and he must have picked up something because he was running a 102 degree fever. He couldn't play the rest of the tournament," said Prows.

UCLA, the number-one ranked team in the nation, was leading after day one. The men shot a 283, good for five-under-par. Travis Johnson of UCLA was the individual leader shooting a six-under-par 66. The MAC's Toledo was tied for 3rd place as a team.

Day two was a step back for the Raiders as they faded to 27th after shooting a 333 team score, bringing their tourney total to 638. Marty Miller shot an 81 to lead the men. His 155 total score was good for 107th place at that point. Tipton, Judy and Prows each recorded scores of 84.

In the team race, New Mexico took the lead after day two, shooting a 286 and propelling their team score to 570. UCLA was one stroke behind. Johnson of UCLA shared the lead with Oscar Alvarez of BYU and Henry Liaw and Chris Nallen of Arizona. All four of the players had scores of five-under-par 139.

The Raiders finished up the West Regional on Saturday with a final overall score of 962, after shooting a 324 on



Junior Marty Miller watches his putt approach the hole in a tournament this year.

the last 18 holes. Marty Miller once again led the men, shooting a 77 on the final day of competition. Tipton finished the tournament in 125th place with a 240. Judy completed the tourney tied for 131st with a 242, and Prows rounded things out with a 248, good for 137th.

"The last two days we kind of got the short end of the stick," said Prows. "The leader teams got to tee off first, so we had to play in the afternoon when the wind had picked up. The course was difficult enough as it was...the weather just made things that much more difficult."

UCLA turned things around and won the regional by just one stroke



Junior Brandon Judy surveys a long putt while in competition.

over New Mexico. Travis Johnson and Chris Nallen of Arizona took home medalist honors, each shooting a five-under-par 211. Toledo tied for 7th place with California.

Although the men did manage to make it to the national meet, Prows and his teammates seemed to take a lot from the tournament. "We all definitely learned a lot," said Prows.

The golf team now looks to their fall season when they will try and improve upon such a successful post-season. The Raiders should have a very bright future in store for them, as they will not be losing any of their top five to graduation.

Many Wright State athletes set to graduate at end of quarter

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June 12th is almost here, and approximately 76 fourth and fifth year senior student-athletes here at Wright State will be collecting a very important piece of paper, a diploma.

Some of the athletes barely saw playing time, while others dominated in their sport, but each of them had the same goal, to contribute to their team and be the best one on the field or court on any given day. Regardless of their athletic abilities, they usually had fun, but it all has to come to an end sooner rather than later.

First and foremost, however, each athlete had responsibilities off the court as well. All of them had to juggle practices with conflicting classes and then miss them for road trips, and sometimes dealing with unsympathetic professors

in the mean time. Most of the athletes conquered the art of studying while

"We have students in the athletic department majoring in all types of degrees. Our graduation rate is very high, too. Anybody that stays with WSU graduates in four or five years."

—Asst. AD for Academics and Senior Woman Administrator, Judy Chivers

holding one eye open while the other sleeps. Most had to visit the training room to sit in the ice bath while other

friends are still in bed. Still nearly none of them would have traded those hours because of the experiences they had.

Some of them study to become teachers, while others dream of becoming doctors. "We have students in the athletic department majoring in all types of degrees. Our graduation rate is very high, too. Anybody that stays with WSU graduates in four or five years," said, Asst. AD for Academics and Senior Woman Administrator Judy Chivers. Chivers is responsible for checking with professors and instructors for grades and overall attendance in classes. She also makes sure that student-athletes who need help with their studies receive assistance quickly.

Most of the athletes here at Wright State will not have the opportunity to continue to play their respective sports professionally, so they are forced to trade in their uniforms for skirts and

suits. No longer will they step on their home field or court, but instead they will find their way behind a desk.

The athletes are not just appreciated for their athletics here at Wright State, their coaches and administrators appreciate what they will be doing with their lives after they are away from their sports. "It has been so exciting for me to see people grow over the past four years. I'll miss everyone of our athletes," Chivers said.

After the graduation ceremony, students and their families are invited up to the corporate box in the Nutter Center for a final celebration of achievements. Refreshments will be served and pictures will be taken with coaches and fellow graduates. One thing is for sure though. Once the athletes from Wright State leave they will still have some very good memories of the times that they spent there.

CREC and ORC provide activities for students over the summer

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The summer is a great time to relax, recharge and reinvent yourself before returning to classes in September. What a better way to achieve a healthy new you than to use the facilities your hard earned tuition dollars pay for at WSU.

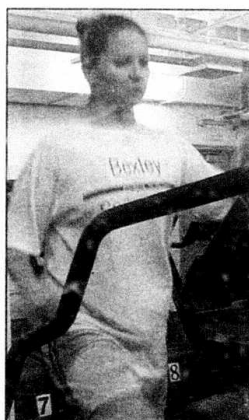
Just because the majority of students flee campus at Spring Quarter's end doesn't mean that Campus Recreation and the Outdoor Resource Center

shut their doors to leave you high and dry. In fact, they maintain a wide range of opportunities for everyone to enjoy.

The Student Union is a hot bed for summer fun. CREC offers fitness courses that are held year round. From June 14th to August 19th students and fitness center members can join the Resist It crew from 12:10 to 12:55 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. This class is a mix of body sculpting moves with easy to use equipment. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Cycle Fit, an indoor cycling challenge is offered at the same time. Classes can be modified to fit your needs so all levels of ability are invited to join. All you need to do is just show up in the basement of the student union outside the CREC office during your lunch break.

They also keep the Fitness Center, racquetball and billiards areas open for business. If group classes aren't your thing, beat the heat and hop on an elliptical machine or stationary bike for some low-impact cardio in the Fitness Center. Or try your hand at a game of pool with your friends from work.

These areas are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays through



Katie Theibert uses the elliptical at the Campus Rec Center.

September 6th. The swimming pool also has lanes available from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. However, the pool will be temporarily

shut down from August 21st to September 6th for annual maintenance.

The Outdoor Resource Center takes a different spin on summer reinvention. They are offering a rafting trip chartered by Appalachian Wildwaters in between Summer's A and B sessions, July 15th through 17th. The staff at ORC will WOW you away with fun for just \$110. This minimal cost includes meals, transportation, guided whitewater rafting tours, a campsite and some guaranteed fun.

If raging waters don't tickle your fancy, try renting a weekend's worth of partner's camping equipment for just \$20 or just \$10 dollars a person. You can't even get a tank of gas for that price! Stop by E082 Student Union for more information regarding the rafting trip or their twenty-plus rental list. They rent everything from bicycles to lanterns.

Just because classes end doesn't mean that your workouts have to go on hiatus too! Just think of the adventures you could tell your friends when everyone returns on September 7th. Build healthy habits for a lifetime with the help of CREC and ORC.

STANDINGS

Horizon League Standings

Conference Overall

Baseball

UIC	14-8	34-19
Butler	13-10	27-28
Cleveland State	11-12	16-31
Wright State	10-11	22-32
UW-Milwaukee	9-10	22-28
Detroit	10-12	18-36
Youngstown State	7-10	18-30

Softball

UIC	16-1	42-23
Cleveland State	13-6	26-27
Loyola	14-7	30-29
Youngstown State	8-7	29-22
Butler	10-10	18-39
UW-Green Bay	5-11	8-29
Detroit	6-14	18-32
Wright State	3-18	16-43

Rugby club's season ends on a good note

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The WSU men's club rugby team ended their spring season on a high note two weeks ago. They faced the Ohio University Bobcats in Athens on Saturday the 15th, in a tight battle that resulted in a victory.

Five Raiders scored on the afternoon for a final score of 31-26. Jeff Casteel, Britt Joseph, Levi Papst, Dale Brown and Austin Balogh each managed to put points on the board. Efficient ball movement and successful defense helped the Raiders win the season-end.

The men's team was supposed to host a match against Canton's men's club but the game was not played because Canton did not have enough players. The cancellation ended the year a week early for the club, but it did not change the fact the team played so well towards the end of the season.

This season's MVP award could go to no other than Joseph who has taken this team from rags to riches. He has finally hung up his Raider uniform after five years with the club. As the rugby president, his presence on and off the field will be missed by his teammates.

Of course, the Raider rugby squad will start its fall season as soon as school resumes on September 7th, 2004. To find out more information on practices and how to become a member of this wonderful sport club, contact

anyone of the team's delegates on their homepage at

<http://www.wright.edu/studentorgs/rugby/contacts.htm>. They will be more than happy to find a spot on their men's and women's team. Experience is not necessary and all shapes and sizes are welcome.

The men's squad ended their 2003-2004 campaign 7-6, with a strong surge of victories near the end. Fortunately, warm weather and sunny skies are sure to come for them to get in even more practice over the summer.



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Winter sports provided Raider fans plenty of excitement

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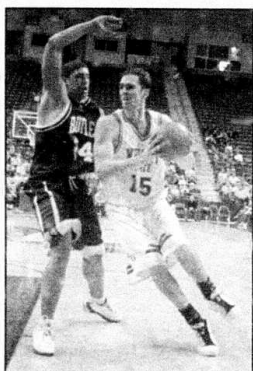
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The winter quarter was a great time to be a Raider sports fan. With the resurgence of the men's basketball team, the youthful exuberance of the women's basketball team and the outright dominance of the swimming and diving teams, there was something for every fan's tastes.

The men's basketball team finished 5th in the Horizon League behind the senior leadership of Seth Doliboa and Vernard Hollins. Paul Biancardi's first squad at W.S.U. did some things that surprised quite a few people. The final record of 14-14 doesn't do justice to the turnaround that the program made. The men finished 10-6 in Horizon League play, their best record ever. Although they started out the season 0-3, at one point the men went on a six-game win streak. Their finish this year only heightens the expectations for the program next year.

Individually the seniors, Hollins and Doliboa, were 6th and 7th in the Horizon League in scoring. The duo was also 3rd and 9th respectively in rebounding. Freshman Drew Burleson led the league in field goal percentage, putting 62.5% of his attempts through the hoop. Hollins and freshman



Senior Seth Doliboa drives towards the hole in a win against Butler this past season.

DaShaun Wood were 3rd and 9th in the assists category as well.

Coach Biancardi, in his first year as coach, was recognized by the league and received coach of the year honors. Woods, Doliboa and Hollins were also recognized by the league for their fine play.

The women's basketball team was the epitome of youth, often times fielding five freshmen on the floor at one time. The Raiders were one of two teams in the entire nation to do so.

The women, led by Head Coach Bridgett Williams, finished 7th in the H.L. with a 5-11 record and an overall record of 9-20. Senior Ilesha Gray was 8th in the league for assists, while Jeanette Woodberry was 8th in field



Sophomore Rafael Candido competes for the Raiders in a meet earlier this year.

goal percentage. Brittney Whiteside was 5th in assists in the H.L. with just over 2 per game.

The final varsity winter sport is swimming and diving. Head Coach Matt Liddy's men's and women's squads are by far the most dominant in the Wright State Athletic Department. Under Liddy, the men's and women's teams have brought home 15 league championships including this year's sweep of both the men's and women's Horizon League meets.

At this year's league meet the women won 4 relay championships and 8 individual championships.

In the relays, the women won the 200-yard Medley, the 400-yard Medley, the 800 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

Individually, Julie Coghlan won the 1000-yard freestyle, the 500-yard freestyle, and the 1650-yard freestyle events. Senior Captain Jackie Dexter won the 50-meter freestyle and the 100-meter butterfly events. Roberta Borkowski was champion of the 1-

meter diving competition, and Katie Tippet won both the 100 and 200-yard freestyle events.

On the men's side the Raiders brought home 3 relay championships and 7 individual championships.

The men won the 200-yard Medley, the 200-yard freestyle relay, and the 400-yard freestyle relay, while finishing in the top five of every other relay.

Individually Ryan Kellerman won the 3-meter diving championship. Alex Dolgov won the 400-yard I.M. Elvis Cirikovic was champion of the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle events. Rafael Candido doubled as well, winning the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard breaststroke. Will Ehresman was the last of the champions, winning the 1650-yard freestyle event.

The final of this three week series will appear in next week's Guardian with a recap of the spring quarter's sports teams including: women's track, men's and women's tennis, softball and baseball.

Raiders get the fourth seed in the Horizon League tourney

Team hoping to turn some heads in the post season and to extend their season longer

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The men's baseball team played only one game last week, a 7-0 loss to Ball State at Nischwitz Stadium on Tuesday night.

With the Horizon league tournament fast approaching, the Raiders had a solid week off from competition after their Tuesday evening loss to BSU.

Matt Barhorst was the only Raider with a hit in the game. The senior was one-for-two, while freshman Brian Shoup collected a walk in the five

inning match-up.

Kyle Young got the start on the mound for the Raiders. Young lasted 2/3 of an inning, walking three batters, and giving up two runs. Chris Coleman then came in and went 3 2/3 innings before passing things on to Kevin Kuntz who finished the rain-shortened contest for the Raiders.

The game was the final home game for Head Coach Ron Nischwitz and also the final regular season game for four seniors. Although the men didn't pull out the victory, Nischwitz seemed to have fun in his last appear-

ance at the helm. The coach tossed out the first pitch, a spitball as it were, at the stadium that bears his name. Along with the honorary first pitch, "Nisch Trivia" was also asked throughout the contest.

The Raiders, with the loss, finished their regular season at 22-32. The men are 10-11 in Horizon League play, and now have the fourth seed going into the Horizon League tournament. Youngstown State University is hosting this year's tournament, and it starts today at Eastwood Stadium in Niles, OH.

The fourth seed will pit the Raiders against the fifth seeded Panthers from UW-Milwaukee on May 26 at 10:30 a.m. This season the Raiders split their four games against the Panthers, so the game will surely be a hard fought battle. If the Raiders were able to pull out the first round win they would be forced to face the number one seed, UIC Flames. On the other hand, if Wright State was to lose in the first round they would face the loser of the Detroit-Cleveland State game. On the



Senior Matt Barhorst prepares to round second in a game earlier this season.

season the Raiders took three of four games against Detroit and two of four against the Vikings. In either scenario the team will be looking to turn some heads in the tournament and make Coach Nischwitz's last tournament one to remember.

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